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1. APPRECIATE PROMISE FURNISH *EVENTUALLY* ALL NAMES INVOLVED IN OP,

URGENTLY REQUIRE, HOWEVER, INFO RE PRESENCE KOROWEC IN ITALY REQUESTED IN REF A.
BRING ATTENTION ☐ OUR IO FEB QUERY AND
HENCE REQUEST YOU ASK ~~WHETHER~~ WHETHER THEIR OP IS KOROWEC.

FYI ONLY: WHILE IN SMOTH CUSTODY KOROWEC CAME INTO POSSESSION EXTREMELY
SENSITIVE INFO PERTAINING TO KUBARK OPS WHICH IF REVEALED TO UNAUTHORIZED
SOURCES WOULD STRIKE ADVERSE BLOW TO ANOTHER KUBARK OP. KOROWEC LONG A TARGET
OF BANDERA WHO DESIRED USE HIM EITHER FOR OP OR FOR TRAINING OTHER PERSONNEL.
FOR THIS REASON, FEEL HE POSSIBLY OPERATIVE MENTIONED REF C.

2. RE PARA 3 REF B FEEL IT SUPERFLUOUS PROVIDE FULL TRACE REQUESTED IN
REF C SINCE BANDERA AND ~~AS~~ ^{GROUP} WELL KNOWN AS STAUNCH ^{ANTI-} COMMUNIST REFUGEES
AND SIFAR MUST HAVE VITAL STATISTICS IF IN OP CONTACT. FEEL, HOWEVER, OUR
REASONS GIVEN BELOW FOR OUR DESIRE SIFAR DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM BANDERA AND
DESIST FROM PLANNED OP SHOULD SUFFICE IN SELLING ☐ ON DESIRABILITY CHECK

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SOV OPS WITH KUBARK. ASSUME YOU MEAN MONITOR, NOT CONTROL.

3. REASONS FOR KUBARK DESIRING A DISASSOCIATION:

A. SINCE CIRCA 1948 BANDERA PERSONALLY AND HIS GROUP CONSIDERED LIABILITIES TO FREE WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST STRUGGLE. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY URGED OTHER WESTERN INTEL AGENCIES TO REFRAIN FROM ANY FI OR PP ASSOCIATION WITH BANDERA. THIS IS BASED ON BANDERA'S UNACCEPTABLE POLITICAL IDEOLOGY, WHICH HAS BEEN REJECTED BY OTHER DEMOCRATIC UKE EMIGRE GROUPS AS WELL AS BY ODACID AND KUBARK, AND HIS TERRORISTIC TACTICS AND FALSE PRETENSIONS TO REPRESENT ANTI-SOVIET UNDERGROUND IN THE USSR. IN THIS VEIN WISH POINT OUT BANDERA REPUDIATED BY UKE UNDERGROUND IN 1953 FOR DIVERSIONARY TACTICS AND ATTEMPT USURP CONTROL OVER ENTIRE UKE RESISTANCE ~~AREA~~ IN HOMELAND AS WELL AS IN EMIGRATION, CONTRARY TO DIRECTIVES OF UNDERGROUND LEADERSHIP. FURTHERMORE, BANDERA ORDERED BY UNDERGROUND HEADQUARTERS TO REORGANIZE HIS GROUP ALONG DEMOCRATIC LINES, WHICH HE REFUSED DO, AND ORDERED CEASE OPS INTO USSR AND POLAND, WHICH, AS HEAD OF COUN IN EMIGRATION, HE NOT AUTHORIZED CARRY OUT. WHEN HE REFUSED HONOR HOMELAND DIRECTIVE, SMOTH SEVERED RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM AND HIS ORGANIZATION, IN PART DUE KUBARK PRESSURE.

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B. SINCE REPUDIATION BY HOMELAND LEADERSHIP AND BY MANY FORMER EMIGRE FOLLOWERS, AND SINCE CAST OFF BY SMOTH, BANDERA HAS CONTINUED DIVERSIONARY AND DISRUPTIVE TACTICS PRIMARILY DIRECTED AT UKE EMIGRE GROUP OF INTEREST TO KUBARK. EFFECTS THESE TACTICS HAVE PROVED HARMFUL AND EMBARRASSING AT TIMES~~AND~~ AND HAVE FORCED NECESSARY PREVENTATIVE MEASURES BE TAKEN BY BOTH KUBARK AND THE TARGET EMIGRE GROUP. TO ENHANCE HIS POSITION IN EMIGRATION, BANDERA HAS REPEATEDLY SOUGHT SUPPORT FROM SEVERAL WESTERN COUNTRIES ALL OF WHOM, WITH EXCEPTION OF SIFAR, HAVE REJECTED HIM. THEREFORE, CONTINUED SIFAR SUPPORT OF BANDERA WILL INCREASE HIS PRESTIGE AND ENABLE HIM CONTINUE UNSAVORY WORK IN EMIGRATION AND USSR.

4. REASONS WHY SIFAR SHOULD DESIST FROM OP:

CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE EXISTS WHICH SHOWS THAT ALL FORMER BANDERA ASSETS IN UKRAINE AND POLAND (TO WHICH ASSETS WE ASSUME SIFAR OP WOULD BE DIRECTED) HAVE BEEN AND STILL ARE UNDER POLISH ^{UB} AND RIS CONTROL. OBVIOUSLY SIFAR WILL HAVE TO ~~XXX~~ TAKE OUR WORD THAT THIS IS SO. IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER BANDERA IS AWARE OF THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED ASSETS IN USSR, OR IF HE SUSPECTS, WHETHER HE WOULD TELL SIFAR. IN ANY CASE, OP CERTAIN TO

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COME UNDER US OR RIS CONTROL; ~~AND~~ INTEL PRODUCT BOUND TO BE RIS WORK, ~~AND~~
WOULD BE USED BY BANDERA TO FURTHER DISRUPT EMIGRE PICTURE, ~~PENETRATE SIFAR.~~ *AND BY SOVIETS TO*
SINCE DISORGANIZATION OF EMIGRATION CURRENT PRIME RIS TARGET, KUBARK TASK IS
CONTER MEASURES TO PREVENT FRIENDLY SERVICES FROM MOUNTING "OPS" SUCH AS
THIS ONE.

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